

BOOMERS CHECKMATED.

CAPT. COUCH WILL NOT MOVE ON OKLAHOMA AND THE STRIP.

President Cleveland Halts the Pilgrims in a Descent of Discontent—Hothouse to Wait to Defy Orders and March to Destination.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kas., March 18.—Capt. Couch and his Oklahoma boomers did not break camp, as was anticipated, and leave for the south, as the president's proclamation interfered somewhat with their plans. They are still in camp at this point, hoping the president may reconsider his decision and yet give them the permission they have vainly sought from the Hayes and Arthur administrations. Gen. Weyer, of Iowa, an ex-Congressman Sidney Clark, of Kansas, who is in Washington, looking after their interests, telegraphed the colonists not to be disheartened, as the cabinet would again consider the Oklahoma question at their regular meeting. Some of the hot-heads among the boomers are for making the attempt to reach Oklahoma, regardless of the president's proclamation and the United States troops, but their number is small.

Major Boston, in a Chibcho creek, laughed heartily when told of this, said he was in no wise frightened and would hold the boomers in check with his trained Indian fighters who for the past three or four years had been hunting and fighting Apache Indians in Arizona and New Mexico, and who never yet been driven back. He was joined by Capt. Parker and his troops of the Ninth cavalry, who after leaving Fort Sill, have marched over 200 miles, coming by way of Humeville and Caldwell. There is no fear of a conflict between the troops and the boomers, as the latter are not foolish enough to march against the government, even had Couch ten thousand colonists at his back instead of one thousand.

Capt. Couch said it was untrue as had been telegraphed abroad that the president's proclamation would result in the disbandment of the colonists. The stockmen now holding cattle in the Cherokee strip are highly excited over the president's proclamation and claim that it is a decision in their favor and signifies that they now have the government's permission to herd cattle in the Oklahoma country and are not to be molested. Some of the large cattle companies and syndicates whose ranges join the Oklahoma territory have all along claimed as Secretary Teller's decision gave them this right and for that reason have never been troubled over the question as to whether their herds were on the Cherokee strip or on Oklahoma lands. These statements are constantly thrown in the face of the boomers and are what is exasperating them to such a degree that they are ready to do almost anything.

One of the leaders said that if President Cleveland refused to solve the whole question and leave it to the courts he could do so by issuing an order to all stockmen to keep their stock outside of Oklahoma and then could order the army to enforce it. The Indians on North Fork and the country north of the Cheyenne agency and Fort Reno are reported very uneasy and troublesome, and word has come from there are ripe for an outbreak at any moment. Gen. Hatch predicts that if Oklahoma is opened for settlement, the army will be taxed to keep in less than six months to protect the settlers.

Free Fight in Which One Man is Fatally and Two Severely Hurt.

TORONTO, Ont., March 18.—Two brothers, Robert and William Duplex, went to McGaughey's house, near No. 9, Treadwell street, and demanded drink. The occupant of the house refused it, and two Italians, Francisco Belmont and Frank Bodo, went to help him to put the Duplexes out. A free fight ensued, during which Belmont stabbed Robert Duplex several times with a knife in different parts of the body. William Duplex was stabbed in two or three places, and McGaughey had his hand severely cut. Constable Hart, hearing the row, went into the house and was knocked senseless by blows supposed to be from an ax. The Indians then bolted, but were shortly afterwards arrested. Robert Duplex was taken to the hospital, where his wounds are considered fatal. McGaughey was also taken to the hospital, and Constable Hart was driven home. William Duplex had his wounds attended to at the police station. McGaughey's wife and a 6-year-old daughter, who were in the house at the time of the fight, were also arrested.

Harvard's Hasty-Pudding Club. BOSTON, Mass., March 18.—The annual trip of the Harvard Hasty-Pudding Club to New York for the purpose of giving a theatrical exhibition for the benefit of the navy is set down for next month, and the members have as usual been making great preparations. They are now informed by the faculty that there must be no public sale of tickets and no advertisement of the performance, because such would save too much of professional, against which the university, by its president, is dead set.

The Florida Chautauque. LAKE DEPUY, Fla., March 18.—The exercises of the Florida Chautauque has closed. Its work has created a desire on the part of the southern audience for a more complete diffusion of knowledge throughout the south. Resolutions offered by prominent southern men were passed, expressing sympathy for Gen. Grant, and appealing to the government to "proceed promptly against and punish the dynamic criminals who are plotting murder against a friendly people."

Kidnappers Arrested. BANGOR, Me., March 18.—Charles Ryerson and William Gardner, respectively aged forty and thirty-five years, who were arrested for kidnapping a girl fifteen years of age. They carried her to the Cambridge road, hoping her all night, and the next morning, brought her out to a street leading to the city and left her. The friends of the girl informed City Marshal Reed, who caused their arrest.

Legionary Study. BOSTON, Feb. 18, 1897. Joseph Hargrave, a graduate of Edinburgh university who was found hanging in a tree, who had been for several days. Prof. Hargrave had filled the chair of Greek and Latin in several colleges. A curious collection of notes this winter was published, and will be the result of his study.

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